

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES

After an absence of a little over three months your correspondent is happy to be back "at the old stand" reporting for Watauga's good weekly, but by no means "weakly" paper, and he "makes his bow" to the audience before him, hoping that they, one and all, have had a pleasant and profitable summer.

Returning too late in the season to witness the exodus of visitors, which grand parade usually takes place in early September, owing to the opening of the schools, your correspondent was pleased to find quite a number of the cottages and bungalows lighted up at night, showing that the "lingers" were with us yet, among them artists waiting for the splendid autumnal tinting of the forests when Dame Nature, a wonderful artist herself, paints the most beautiful pictures ever seen with the bluest skies, the grayest cliffs, the brownest grass, the most vivid coloring of the forests which, not even our most noted visiting artists having a nation wide reputation can copy.

Among the "loiters" upon the mountain are the Edwards of Washington, the Boughers of St. Louis, the Perkeys of New York, the Mackays of Raleigh, the Stringfellow of Anniston, the Millers of Winston and several well known individuals who love Blowing Rock and remain with us until the Storm King and his hosts of "fighting men" attack the summit of the Blue Ridge and drive the down-country folks to the shelter of their homes in the milder clime and more balmy atmosphere than old Watauga can afford for the six months between ruddy October and flowery May.

The Ingle House, Grand View House and Watauga Inn, popular all-the-year-round hostleries have their quota of "lingers," among those at the last named hotel the following: Mrs. Bessie Patterson who has, for the Winter closed her charming bungalow "Hidden Water," the Indian name there for both unspellable and unpronounceable to the ordinary mortal not an authority on Indian names, Mrs. Patterson to spend the Winter in Baltimore and other Southern cities; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stringfellow, who, having closed "Chetola" their beautiful home here, are stopping for awhile at the village Inn before leaving for their winter sojourn in New York City; Mrs. Miller and her three charming daughters, the Misses Margaret, Catherine and Antoinette who spent the season at Green park and have been at the Inn during the Autumn before returning to their home in Winston-Salem; Mrs. Guyot whose husband was the noted historian and scientist whose books were studied by many a student a generation ago and her neices the Misses Tucker of New York who with their Aunt have been at the Watauga since spring, perfectly charmed with this beautiful region, if possible the most beautiful in the "Land of the Sky;" Prof. John S. Williams who with Miss Hayes of the A. T. S. are teachers of the Public School here, Miss Hays is also a guest of the Inn.

Doctor Brooks has returned from a short visit to Greensboro, and is ready for medical duty, though we all hope to keep well.

The Brass Band of this town is doing admirably, and delighted the audience gathered to hear Mr. Doughton speak at the school house last week, your correspondent noting the vast improvement between their "struggling" days in early Summer and their present masterful rendering of difficult musical compositions, the national airs, sacred songs

and plantation melodies given with skill and pleasing harmony not usually attributed to the amateur bands of our small towns. The boys have shown what talent and zeal can do when guided by a master like Prof. Harbin of Statesville and his teaching put into practice by the boys of our town.

Considerable building is going on here, among others an addition to the dwelling owned by Mr. Henry C. Hayes, our prosperous merchant and authority on Bee Culture, Mr. J. Lee Hays, well known builder and contractor in charge of the work; while Mr. W. L. Crisp, our big hearted citizen is building a house on Ransom street; Mr. Dock Hartley putting up a dwelling near the Reformed Church on the G. S. Road, other construction work to be done in the near future by our popular builders, Messrs E. B. Ward, John Benfield, Joseph White, LeRoy Bollinger and others.

Mr. LeRoy Bollinger, beside being scout master of our camp of Boy Scouts organized this season by Mrs. W. W. Stringfellow, has instituted a much needed industry—the making of all kinds of furniture from our native woods—a business which Mr. A. G. Peoples has found profitable, having the honor of being Blowing Rock's pioneer in that line, his father, for years having manufactured furniture and curios at Roan Mountain, Tenn. the work of Mr. J. L. Kincaid, of Deerfield, this county, not to be overlooked, for, as Mr. Elliott Dangerfield testified "Kincaid was an artist."

Rev. Edgar Tufts, the beloved pastor of the Presbyterian church filled his appointment here last Sunday, preaching in the morning from "God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap," and at night from the text "Pure religion and undefiled is this, to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world," an offering was taken up for the Grandfather Orphan Home, insituted by Mr. Tufts at Banners Elk, the service a Union one at which Rev. John Inglespoke admirably on the Third Commandment and Rev. W. R. Savage took up his subject on "Unity." Just heret it is not out of place to say that Mr. Tufts who a year ago was desperately ill, his friends recall, is pronounced a well man and more able than ever to do the great work for which he is known throughout the length and breadth of this mountain region, gaining the love and admiration of the entire population of both Avery and Watauga Counties and here is hoping that he may long be spared to carry on the grand work which the Master has given him to do.

The friends of Mrs. George E. Coffey, wife of our popular townsman and plumber will be glad to know that she is recovering from a severe attack of illness, thanks to our good local medical adviser and Dr. Jones, consulting physician who under instruction of the Great Physician have helped bring her thus far on the road to recovery, thanks due mainly to the "Giver of all good and perfect gifts," health one among the greatest, the very greatest "charity."

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EDITOR DEMOCRAT: As the election is drawing near, and all of us are thinking and trying to decide for whom we shall vote, we, the Progressives of this Congressional district, are without a candidate for Congress. It is true we are asked to vote for one Mr. F. A. Linney, but the question arises in our minds, who is this Mr. Linney? Is he the Mr. Linney upon whose shoulders the mantle of Mr. Moorhead has fallen? Is he the Mr. Linney who, in company with Mr. Moorhead and a handful of hide-bound political bosses seek to control the affairs of the Republican organization in this State? Is he the Mr. Linney who endorsed the action of the Chicago Convention two years ago that by all kinds of political thievery stole the nomination from Theodore Roosevelt?

It seems to us that the answer to all these questions is, "Yes, Mr. Linney, thou art the man." And you have done more than that. You have tried with all the power that within you lies to destroy the Progressive party. You have publicly declared that you would loan us out to the Democrats, without interest, never to be returned, but now it seems that you would like to have us returned and that you would gladly pay the freight.

But no, Mr. Linney, while we are exiled to the Democratic party, we will vote and work for the Hon. R. L. Doughton for Congress, and if that bright and happy day ever comes when you will let us back into the Republican fold, we will still be Progressives and look forward to the time when we will be free to vote for the man of our choice—the man who will do the most good for the greatest number of people. At present we see no better man in the field than Mr. Doughton, a man whom we believe to be honest in all his convictions, and a man whom we believe to be free from boss, rule and political trickery.

Now, in conclusion, we would call the attention of every citizen in Watauga county, that in order to have good county government we must select these officers from the very best citizenship, regardless of party. The people of Watauga know what they want, and will see to it that none but good men shall be elected to office.

JAMES SHELL, Leander, N. C.

Training School Items.

At Chapel one day last week several of the teachers made talks expressing appreciation of the services of Mr. D. A. Tompkins, whose recent death was a distinct loss to our School. Such men are valuable to the interests of State and individual.

Professors Greer and Downum were entertained at dinner last Tuesday evening by the Domestic Science Class. The hostess,

Miss Vera Eller and the host, Miss Laura Pennell were dignified and pleasant, the waitress polite, the cook skillful, and the menu appetizing. The guests enjoyed the occasion to the fullest.

Mr. G. W. Caudill visited his daughter, Miss Boyd, on Friday. Glad to see him.

Mrs. T. H. Taylor visited her daughters, Miss Gladys and Mary Lizzie, Sunday evening opening the night with them. We are always glad to see our good friends.

Last Wednesday evening, the 21, was an occasion of unusual interest. On that evening the Second Year Domestic Science Class gave a dinner in honor of the 44th birthday of the Supt. Professor B. B. Dougherty, to which, in addition to the Prof., the Trustees and their wives were invited. The following were present as guests: Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, Captain Lovill and Prof. Dougherty. The beautiful Place Cards, designed and painted in water colors by the excellent art teacher, Miss Lackey, was a 4 leaf clover for good luck. Capt. Lovill made a splendid talk of appreciation of Prof. Dougherty and his work, expressing many good wishes for the future. All say they had a good time, and were well pleased with the work of the Domestic Science Department.

The Society Anniversary on last Saturday evening was a most pleasant occasion. Russell G. Hodges acted as President and Robert L. Dixon as Secretary. President Hodges gave a brief introduction and one representative from each of the four societies took part, their numbers being interspersed with music by the band, and Miss Dodson giving two solos. Miss Madge Milner read a fine paper on The Model Kitchen, Mr. Grant Donnelly a skillfully prepared oration on "Acres of Diamonds," Miss Hatt Choate recited "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin and the Fodder's in the Shock" in her own inimitable way and Mr. George Sherrill gave a very thoughtful oration on Good Roads.

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Cove Creek, Mabel Thursday	Oct. 15, 1914.
North Fork, W. N. Thomas store Friday	" 16, "
Ment Camp, Soda Hill Saturday	" 17, "
Bald Mountain, voting place Tuesday	" 20, "
Stony Fork voting place Wednesday	" 21, "
Elk, voting place, Thursday	" 22, "
Blue Ridge, G. L. Stokes store Friday	" 23, "
Blowing Rock W. L. Holshouser's store Sat	" 24, "
Watauga, Shulls Mills Tuesday	" 27, "
Shawnee-haw, Baird's store Wednesday	" 28, "
Laurel Creek, Jno. Ward's Thursday	" 29, "
Beaver Dams, voting place Friday	" 30, "
Boone, court house Saturday	" 31, "

Everybody come out, pay your taxes, hear the candidates speak and have an old fashioned hand shake.

Most respectfully,

E. R. Eggers, Sheriff.

N. L. MAST, Pres. W. C. COFFEY, Vice Pres. G. P. HAGAMAN, Cash. J. T. MILLER, Ass't Cash.

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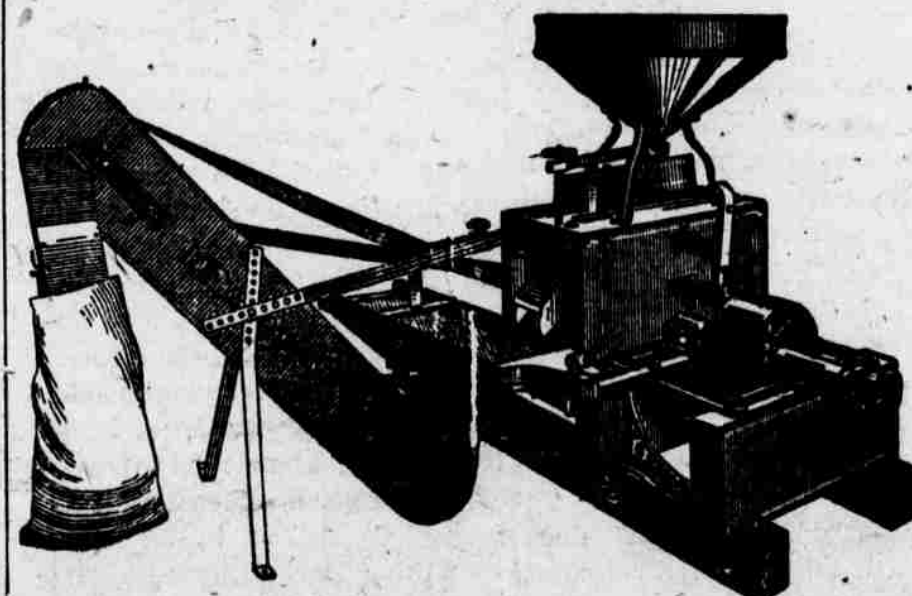
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